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Despite Reagan's support Haig 'losing prestige'

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan insisted Wednesday that Alexander M. Haig, Jr. remains his chief adviser on foreign affairs, but other officials said the U.S. Secretary of State clearly has lost prestige and authority because of Vice President George Bush's appointment as Crisis manager.

Reagan's affirmation followed a talk with Haig on the third consecutive day the secretary has visited the White House. The president denied any suggestion that Haig had threatened to quit over the new role for Bush, one which he wanted for himself.

But one informed official said privately that while Haig, who went public with his unhappiness Tuesday, would not resign this time, any further "public rebukes" from the White House might cause the strong-willed secretary to leave.

The official said Haig was "very upset and ailing" and was "pounding the table" because he wasn't given Crisis command authority by the White House. Although the president reaffirmed that Haig was his "principal adviser on foreign affairs," Haig was said to feel the endorsement fell short of what he wanted because Reagan didn't explicitly

Brazil will fight kidnap of 'great train robber'

BRASILIA, Brazil, March 26 (AP) — Brazil said it will ask for the return of "great train robber" Ronald Biggs and that his alleged kidnappers be extradited to this south American country, the Foreign Ministry said here Wednesday night.

Justice Minister Ibrahim Abi-Ackel asked the Foreign Ministry to request authorities in Barbados to return Biggs and extradite six people to Brazil, including five Englishmen and one American. "Abi-Ackel determined that a competent police inquiry be opened to investigate the incident of which Ronald Biggs was a victim," The Foreign Ministry said in an official statement.

The ministry said the Brazilian embassy in Bridgetown has been instructed to proceed with the necessary contacts with the Bar-

Early human tooth uncovered in Nepal

KATMANDU, March 26 (AP) — A joint U.S.-Nepal scientific expedition has found evidence of "possible human ancestors" in the rocks of the Himalayan foothills, an American scientist with the researchers said Thursday.

"We have found a tooth of the Hominoid Ramapithecus at the Tinau Khola River, about 180 miles southwest of Katmandu," said Dr. Jens Munthe, co-leader of the expedition. "It was recovered from rocks which were dated as approximately 11 million years old," he said.

Ramapithecus was a medium-sized primate, perhaps three or four feet tall, and is the earliest fossil found that distinguishes early man from early primates on the basis of dental characteristics. The first Ramapithecus were found in northern India and East Africa and have been dated to be about 12 million to 14 million years old.

The Nepalese discovery helps fill the geographic gap in the record of early hominoids between India and China, the American scientist said. The age of the Tinau Khola River Ramapithecus, estimated at 11 million years from preliminary studies, is more than one million years earlier than previous specimens.

Mission to renew initiative

DACCA, Bangladesh, March 26 (AP) — LD chief Yasser Arafat said Thursday he is hopeful a settlement could be reached to end the six-month old war between Iran and Iraq. The head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, here for the 10th anniversary of the start of Bangladesh struggle for independence, told reporters he planned to visit both Iran and Iraq around the end of the month as part of the Islamic conference which will initiate.

"This is a difficult and delicate task that will need a lot of time," Arafat said. "It will be many visits, not one, to complete. But it is enough for us that the two sides, first, accept the Islamic goodwill mission — in my opinion that is a very important point — and, second, that we will be able to offer our proposals."

"But most important in this case is that

Mukairish steams to Fremantle

PERTH, Australia, March 26 (R) — Seven crewmen who abandoned a burning Saudi Arabian ship off the western Australian coast Wednesday night were rescued Thursday on a lifeboat, officials said. Five crewmen were taken to another lifeboat and picked up Wednesday night.

An Australian Air Force spokesman said a reconnaissance plane sighted the second boat of the seven men were picked up by another ship, the *Chevron Nederland*.

'Break the mold of British politics'

LONDON, March 26 (AP) — Britain's first new major political party in 80 years, the Social Democratic Party (SDP), was formally launched Thursday, with its leaders pledging to break the mold of British politics and the nation's long-surviving class divisions. "We want to get away from the politics of outdated dogma and class confrontation," declared Roy Jenkins, a former deputy leader of the opposition Labor Party. Jenkins and the three other joint leaders of the SDP — all senior cabinet ministers in Britain's last Labor government — appeared at a crowded news conference.

The formation of the Social Democrats, led by Jenkins, former Foreign Secretary David Owen, former Education Secretary Shirley Williams, and former Transport Secretary William Rodgers, is regarded by some observers as the most significant development in British politics since World War II.

The Social Democrats seek to capture the middle ground between the two major parties, leftward-drifting Labor and the ruling Conservatives headed by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, widely regarded as her party's most right-wing leader since World War II.

Jenkins leads new major party



NEW PARTY: Roy Jenkins (left), David Owen, William Rodgers and Shirley Williams launch their new Social Democratic Party in London Thursday.

the trade unions, Mrs. Williams added: "For the first time in Britain a party will be breaking with all the major interest groups."

The SDP is accused by the two major parties of trying to be all things to all people and woolly on policy. As if to counter this, the new party announced a generalized 12-point platform.

It urged a mixed economy and more positive efforts toward fairer wealth distribution, while avoiding Labor's latest plans for widespread nationalization. It also will promote women's and ethnic minority rights. On foreign policy, the SDP, which describes itself as left-of-center, is close to the Conservatives.

It favors continued membership of the 10-nation European Economic Community, generally unpopular among British voters, and a strong British role in the NATO Western alliance. It also wants multilateral nuclear disarmament, not British unilateral disarmament as officially sought by the Labor Party.

Meanwhile, the Labor Party has called on the defuncting members to resign their seats in the House of Commons, but under British electoral law they need not do so.



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Four officers executed in Mauritania

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania March 26 (AP) — Four army officers found guilty of leading an abortive coup attempt March 16 were executed by a firing squad at dawn Thursday, official sources announced. The executions were carried out at a unidentified location 30 kms from the capital, after their appeals had been rejected, the sources said.

The officers were Lt.-Cols. Abdul Qader and Ahmed Salem Ould Sid, the alleged leaders of the coup, and Lt. Moustapha Niang and Muhammad Doucou Sekk. Five other soldiers were sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor.

Radio Nouakchott had announced Wednesday that President Lt. Col. Muhammad Khouma Ould Hajdalla had refused to grant clemency and said the sentences should be carried out "immediately." The four had been charged with "high treason, desertion, murder and intelligence with the enemy."

The officers led a group which attacked the presidential palace, the prime minister's office and the national radio station. Loyal troops fought them off and an unspecified number of people were killed. Hajdalla accused Morocco of fomenting the coup, bringing an immediate and formal denial from Rabat.

On Wednesday, Morocco formally protested to Mauritania that Polisario guerrillas fighting for the independence of the Moroccan-annexed Sahara were operating from the desert wastes of northern Mauritania. It warned that it felt free to exercise its "right of legitimate defense."

Another spy scandal hits U.K.

LONDON, March 26 (AP) — Britain's No. 3 intelligence officer at the end of World War II allegedly acted as an agent for Nazi Germany and later for the Soviet Union, *The Daily Mail* reports in its latest spy expose.

In an article published in Thursday's editions, defense specialist Chapman Pincher wrote that Charles Howard "Dick" Ellis was believed to have cooperated with Britain's enemies for nearly 30 years. Ellis was a career intelligence officer best known for his wartime service as second in command to Sir William Stephenson, who headed joint British-U.S. intelligence in New York during World War II.

Pincher wrote that in 1965 Ellis made an "abject confession" to spying for Germany up to 1940, before Britain entered the war, and admitted to handing over detailed charts of British intelligence knowing that they would go both to Germany and the Soviet Union. Ellis died in 1975 at the age of 80.

The Mail said Ellis did not admit to spying



ALLEGED SPY: The photo shows Sir Roger Hollis, a former head of MI5, for Germany after 1940 or for the Soviets following the war. But his interrogators believed he acted as an agent for the Nazis

before and during the war and later for the Soviet Union, *The Daily Mail* said.

The newspaper said Ellis, a former Oxford University student born in Australia, was recruited for the Nazis by a relative and then decided to work for the Soviets purely for the money. After serving with Stephenson, Ellis returned to British secret service headquarters in London and was placed in the No. 3 position in Britain's spy hierarchy, the paper said.

The new allegations came as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher prepared the government's response to parliamentary demands for an inquiry into the *Mail's* reports of Soviet penetration of Britain's security services. Mrs. Thatcher is due to deliver a statement in the House of Commons later Thursday. Her office said she had discussions with Cabinet Secretary Sir Robert Armstrong, and press reports said she also was believed to have questioned security chiefs personally about *The Mail's* allegations.

Sobbing 'Quini', family reunited

BARCELONA, March 26 (AP) — At dawn Thursday, six hours after being freed by police from a 24-day abduction, Enrique "Quini" Castro, star player of Barcelona's soccer team, was reunited with his wife and two children. Quini, 29 and the leading scorer of the Spanish Premier League championship, appeared in good health but thinner than he was before his kidnapping March 1.

"This is the greatest day in my life, to be able to meet with my family again," Quini said, sobbing as he embraced his wife, Maria de las Nieves. "The abductors, whose faces I never saw, treated me well and gave me every assurance all the time that my life was not at any risk." Quini told journalists shortly after being freed by police from the basement of a Zaragoza mechanic workshop where he had been held. However, he described the experience as a terrible one.



KIDNAPPED STAR RELEASED: Soccer Star Enrique "Quini" Castro, the Barcelona forward, pictured with his two sons dressed in national police uniforms for his return.

IMF to vote on Kingdom's quota

WASHINGTON, March 26 (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Executive Board will meet Friday to vote on an increased role for Saudi Arabia which could open up billions of dollars in loans to the International Agency, monetary sources said. The fund, beset with increased loan demands from member countries because of economic malaise and growing energy bills, has been talking to Middle East countries for about a year in an attempt to get bilateral loans.

Monetary sources Saudi Arabia had tentatively agreed to provide four billion dollars a year for the next two years and would provide an additional four billion dollars in the third year.

But, as a condition for the loans, it has insisted that its voting rights within the fund

must be increased substantially. The fund's voting is administered through quotas and Saudi Arabia wants to double its current quota of 1.04 billion Special Drawing Rights (SDR), the IMF monetary unit, equal to \$1.27 billion.

The United States, the largest of the IMF member countries with a quota of 12.6 billion SDR's or 21 per cent of the total, has not yet declared its policy, although the sources said it was not opposed to an increase for Saudi Arabia.

If the Saudi quota is raised and this would need an 85 per cent vote of approval, the percentage quotas of all member countries will have to be recalculated with the United States accepting a slightly reduced percentage.

Suit wants silver probe curbed

DALLAS, March 26 (R) — The Hunt Energy Company has said it had filed a federal court suit aimed at limiting an investigation into silver futures trading by the billionaire Hunt family, including Nelson Bunker Hunt and W. Herbert Hunt. The suit accused the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), a federal government agency, of exceeding the limits of its jurisdiction in an investigation which began about a year ago.

A Hunt Energy spokesman said that the Hunts had cooperated fully with the investigation for nearly 12 months, supplying copies of more than 25,000 documents. But, he said

"requests for additional information and data were ranging so far afield and procedural violations were so numerous that a halt had to be called."

The spokesman said the SEC's latest request involved business activities of a highly competitive nature which were not related to the original investigation. The SEC began its investigation after the price of silver collapsed from a record \$50 an ounce to \$11. The Hunts, whose financial empire was based on massive holdings of silver bullion and silver futures, failed to meet calls for more collateral to back up loans from brokers and other lenders.

Ugandan group claims responsibility for attacks

KAMPALA, March 26 (R) — Guerrilla opposed to Ugandan President Milton Obote have made their strongest assault yet on his rule, cutting off electricity supplies, putting the official radio off the air and attacking his party headquarters.

The clandestine Uganda Freedom Movement claimed responsibility for the attacks in a statement telephoned to reporters. "We will use any methods at our disposal to uproot the

Milton Obote dictatorship so that a properly elected democratic government can be installed in Uganda," a spokesman said.

Four underground opposition groups have emerged in Uganda since December when Dr. Obote won elections which opposition political parties described as unfair. Tension eased in Kampala after the poll, with soldiers moving off the streets. But troops were patrolling the capital again Thursday night and workers hurried home before dusk.

Mecca cuts barber prices

JEDDAH, March 26 — A hair-cut in Mecca should cost SR 55 less than in Jeddah. The Mecca municipality reportedly has ordered all barber shops in the Holy City to fix their prices at SR 5 for a hair-cut and SR 3 for a shave. Violators face three days imprisonment, the reports added. In Jeddah the average price for a hair-cut is SR 15, but in first class hotels the charge is SR 60, excluding a tip.

By the agricultural minister

Mujamaa water plant opened

MUJAMAA, March 26 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdul Aziz Al-Sheikh dedicated the water purification plant of Mujamaa Wednesday. The project comprises a desalination plant that operates with a 3,800 cubic meters of water output daily. The desalination plant's has a potential capacity of 7,600 cubic meters per day. The project also includes a power generation plant with an 825 kilowatt capacity, storage for chemicals, cooling towers,

support buildings, 5,000 cubic meter water tanks, main pipelines with a total length of 1.2 kilometers and three deep wells for pumping water. The water will be produced from several 1,200 meter-deep wells. The water contains 1,900 ppm of solid soluble substance. Dr. Al-Sheikh said his visit to Mujamaa is part of a field inspection tour of the Kingdom's agricultural areas and places where water projects are located. He said his ministry is preparing designs for a large water project on an area of 70 kilometers. The project starts at Jalajil and extends to the south and covers all towns and villages in the Sudair-Riyadh road, he added. The project will begin, construction work after being endorsed in the ministry's budget for next year, Dr. Al-Sheikh said. He added that the ministry is considering construction of several dams in the region. Among the dams completed in the region are the Mujamaa, Jalajil, and Rawda dams. The Amlah dam in Housta area is also under construction, the minister said. In other developments, the Eastern Province water and Sewage Department's board met in Dammam Thursday to approve the awarding of two contracts for extending the Dammam water network. The two contracts are worth SR5.8 million and will be executed in four months. Meeting under Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jiluwi, the board discussed some executive measures recommended by a resolution of the Administrative Reform Committee. The resolution concerns certain measures in the opening of new branches for the department and other technical administrative and financial issues. The resolution aims at increasing the efficiency of the departments employees.

W. Germany professor visits



JEDDAH, March 26 — Dr. Klaus Bethge, nuclear physics professor at Frankfurt University, Federal Republic of Germany, will lecture in the Kingdom on special aspects of nuclear physics, the West German embassy reported Thursday. The professor is visiting at the invitation of the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran and King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah. His visit takes place within the framework of the increasing scientific cooperation between the two countries, by which West German professors will be recruited eventually for work at UPM, an embassy press statement said.

Prayer Times

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Fajr (Dawn)	4.54	4.54	4.25	4.11	4.36	5.05
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.26	12.27	11.58	11.45	12.09	12.39
Assr (Evening)	3.52	3.54	3.26	3.14	3.38	4.09
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.35	6.37	6.08	5.55	6.20	6.50
Isha (Night)	8.05	8.07	7.38	7.25	7.50	8.20

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SEIP SHAPE: Abdulaziz Muhammad Al-Turki (left), managing director of Saudi Arabia's first wholly-owned shipping line, stands on the bridge of the firm's first cargo ship with the vessel's captain, Barry Prece. The Saudi National Shipping company formally accepted the Saudi Riyadh from Norfolk Shipbuilding and Drydock company.

BRIEFS

Utrob in Sanaa
SANA'A, March 26 (Agencies) — Interior Minister Ali Utrob returned here from the Kingdom after a week's visit during which he held talks with government leaders. He described the visit as successful and positive and hoped it will strengthen bilateral relations. **Mango juice destroyed**

JEDDAH, March 26 — Thirteen thousand boxes of mango juice have been destroyed by order of the anti-fraud committee at the Ministry of Commerce here, *Al-Medina* reported. The committee found the mangoes bad and objected to their sale after the expiration date. **Machine detects forgeries**

JEDDAH, MARCH 26 — A new method for detecting passport forgeries has been installed at the passport office here by the head of the department, Capt. Hassan Rashwan, after the discovery of several fraud cases, *Al-Medina* reported. The method will indicate the changes of photographs or information quicker, the report added. **3 embrace Islam**

JEDDAH, March 26 — Two Korean workers and an American woman have embraced Islam before Chief Judge Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Essa here, *Al-Medina* reported. The woman, age 28, is a nurse at the Jeddah Medical Center, and said she was born a Christian. But when she came out here, she felt a strong attachment to Islam and the Islamic way of life as a result of living and mixing with Muslim nurses, the report added. **Illegal foreign trade surveyed**

RIYADH, March 26 — The government will continue to exert pressure on foreigners who engage in commercial activity here under the guise of local businessmen, according to Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamil, deputy minister of commerce. Foreigners are not allowed to trade, and those who do will be punished together with their local sponsors, *Okaz* reported the official as saying. **Baljarshi hotel planned**

BALJARSHI, March 26 — The city will build a first-class hotel soon at a cost of SR51 million, according to its owner Sheikh Saad

Gbdan. The land was provided by the municipality for what is described as the largest private sector project here, *Al-Medina* reported. **Poultry project underway**

QASIM, March 26 — A German company is building a poultry farm as part of the agricultural training center at a cost of SR3.5 million, *Al-Medina* said the project will have a capacity for 5,000 chickens, as well as bee hives. **Jizan coastal facility completed**

JIZAN, March 26 — The municipality has completed the three-kilometer seafront project that will enable the people to walk by the sea day or night, *Al-Medina* reported. Lamp posts and trees will provide light and shade for the area. **Prince Saud returns**

JEDDAH, March 26 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal returned here from Tunis Wednesday after leading Saudi Arabia's delegation to the 75th ordinary session of the Arab League Council. The session began Monday. **Social insurance allocation made**

JEDDAH, March 26 — Nearly SR600 million has been allocated by the Organization of Social Insurance for distribution to 250,000 beneficiaries including victims of natural disasters, according to Abdullah Abdul Aziz Al-Naim, who is in charge of social insurance at the Ministry of Labor and Welfare, *Okaz* reported. **Saudia to open two new routes**

JEDDAH, March 26 (SPA) — Saudia announced Thursday that it will open two new routes to New Delhi and Madrid by the end of March. Saudia's flight destination in Asia, Africa, Europe and America total 26 with the new routes. The national carrier has 21 internal routes. The opening of the two new routes is consistent with the airline's policy to expand its services to various parts of the world and linking the Kingdom with friendly countries. Saudia opened routes to Mogadishu, Nairobi, Dacca and Bangkok last year. **Prince Majed attends track and field games**

JEDDAH, March 26 (SPA) — Mecca Governor Prince Majed Wednesday evening attended the closing ceremony of the inter-regional track and field championship among educational zones in Saudi Arabia at the Youth Welfare Educational Directorate. The ceremony also was attended by the visiting Somali Education Minister Adan Muhammad Ali. Meanwhile, Iraq Wednesday beat Bahrain 2-0 in the football championship at Al-Malazz stadium as part of the Second Asian Finals for the World Cup. One goal was scored in each half-time.

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Information Ministry says

Video library permits stopped

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, March 26 — There will be no new video libraries allowed in the country by order of Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani who said that the existing number is quite adequate.

Yamani said the ministry has come to the conclusion that to stop the proliferation of clubs, which rent films, there should be no new licenses. The ministry said it closed down 90 shops permanently because of violation of the rules.

The ministry began a campaign to stamp out immoral films from the shops as soon as it started licensing them. Previously, they were not licensed and operated at their own risk. With licensing, the ministry dispatched teams of censors to weed out what it believed were films of poor taste, immoral or contrary to the country's religious and moral precepts.

The video tape "revolution" began here nearly six years ago with the advent of the first Japanese nematic, a large and cumbersome machine that used big tapes. It was first

marketed at SR8,000 each. This was later replaced by the VHS, smaller and cheaper sets which in turn have been overtaken by the Betamax — first marketed by Sony of Japan which now sells at slightly more than SR3,000.

At present, shop owners are not able to estimate how many sets are bought by residents. But at current price of the set it would be hard to find a household without one rental sellers have reported.

Outlying areas without electricity do not have such sets but such areas are few and far between and are shrinking in number as power spreads throughout the country.

Foreign workers living in groups or in compounds find the set the most entertaining service and a lot of them show films in their own languages.

The ministry has warned again of violations of the rules and said it would close down an additional number of shops which do not respect the law regarding quality and content.

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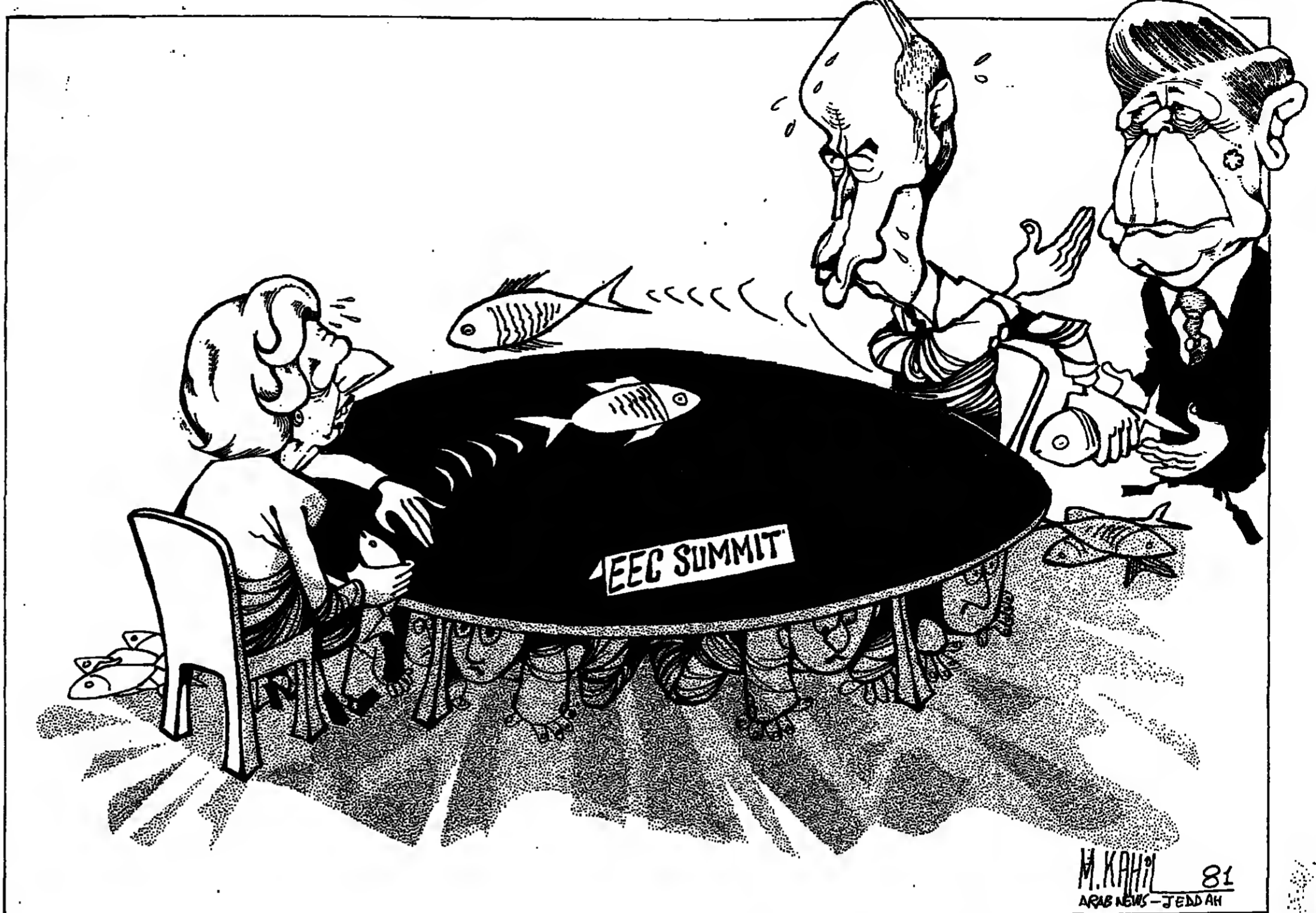
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Gold fever strikes Japan

By Hisanoba Ohse

TOKYO — Gold traders said about 400,000 Krugerrands of one tenth of an ounce were sold in the three months since the coins entered the Japanese market in December. Profits from selling gold in Japan are taxable on a sliding scale combined with income from employment and other sources, which is posing a headache for tax authorities.

The tax agency said it was difficult to determine whether an individual might have gained profits or made losses from gold transactions because of sometimes swift price fluctuations. But a spokesman said the agency had made unspecified moves to plug loopholes and stop tax evasion on gold profits.

Following increasing Japanese interest in gold, copper traders and commodity futures dealers here jointly started to work out plans several months ago for a gold market in Japan. A spokesman for the Federation of Futures Commodities Dealers Association said they hoped to start spot and futures trading either next month or in May after establishing a new company early in April.

The international trade and industry ministry said it would not necessarily oppose plans for a free spot market, but it would use administrative guidance to prevent the involvement of small investors.

The ministry said it was necessary to restrict futures dealings to protect small investors, who had been exploited in the past on the gold black market. But the free market plan has been opposed as unnecessary by the Gold Bar Distribution Association, whose member companies, including smelters, melters, assayers and major trading houses, cover more than 90 per cent of total gold demand in Japan.

A private study group of the ministry officials and major gold traders is reviewing a report it made last July ruling out the need for a gold market, a ministry official said. The group was established as an advisory body to the natural resources and energy agency, which is in charge of gold supply and demand in Japan. (K)

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Democracy in Argentina

By David Cerny-Jones

Retired Gen. Roberto Viola takes over as president of Argentina for a three-year term Sunday (March 29) with the stated aim of establishing a stable democracy in a country shattered by prolonged political upheavals and economic crises.

He replaces Gen. Jorge Rafael Videla, appointed head of state three years ago by the military junta that deposed the tottering civilian government of Maria Estela Peron in a March 1976 coup.

The new administration guarantees the military another three years in power and has given little indication of how rule will be transferred to civilians or when representative institution will function again.

Gen. Viola, who was selected by the three-man junta representing the branches of the armed forces last October, has said his will be a military government of transition toward democratic rule and has dismissed the possibility of elections during his term.

He has indicated the sincerity of military intentions by naming a new cabinet with a majority of civilians for the first time since the coup.

As commander-in-chief of the army — traditionally Argentina's main military power — Viola, 55, was the obvious successor to Gen. Videla. But his expected appointment at the end of September was delayed for several days while the commanders of the army, navy and air force secretly debated the future of the country.

This led to speculation that armed forces were convinced that Argentina's war against those they saw as leftist subversives was not over. Viola, described in armed forces circles as a moderate and regarded as a shrewd politician with closer contact with the people than Gen. Videla, was said to be pushing for greater freedom of action.

The junta, which still holds effective control, only confirmed his nomination after ensuring that the status quo would remain, informed sources said.

Gen. Viola's pre-inauguration visit to the United States earlier this month was seen here as a major step in improving Argentina's international image, tarnished by a harsh anti-guerrilla drive in the mid-1970's which led to the death or disappearance of thousands of people. Viola met President Reagan and other U.S. leaders. His meetings promised to end the strained relations between the two countries that culminated in the United States banning military sales to Argentina in 1975 after calling

the country a "gross and consistent violator of human rights."

Reconciliation was undoubtedly helped by the change of emphasis in U.S. foreign policy which gives top priority to combating alleged Soviet global ambitions.

But the timing of Viola's visit and the mileage he obtained for Argentina's staunchly anti-communist stand from sympathetic ears in Washington — the Reagan administration hopes to end the military sales ban — enhanced Viola's image as a statesman among his fiercely patriotic countrymen.

He faces problems on the home front, even so. Political parties whose activities were suspended after the coup have become increasingly vociferous in demanding the restoration of political freedom after five years of repressive authoritarian rule. The military government is also under attack from workers who want a return of union independence and the right to strike.

Industrialists, businessmen and cattle breeders are angry about the open market policies of outgoing Economics Minister Jose Martinez De Hoz which, they say, have led to a flood of imports and damaged export competitiveness.

De Hoz, one of two civilians in the departing cabinet, has been bitterly criticized even though he has successfully reduced Argentina's 740 per cent inflation rate at the time of the coup to a present annual rate of 82 per cent.

The military is determined to stay in power as long as there is any chance of Argentina returning to the chaos at the end of Peronist rule in 1976, say political observers. Right and left-wing extremists in the Peronist movement waged an open guerrilla war when Maria Estela Peron succeeded her husband, Gen. Juan Peron, on his death in 1974 and she was powerless to control them.

Peron first came to power as an army colonel in 1943 and formed a populist party in his name that gained massive support among urban and rural laborers thanks to social generosity at the expense of the Argentine economy. He was deposed by a military coup in 1955 following an economic crisis but still enjoyed widespread popular support.

He returned to Argentina from exile in Spain in 1973 and won general elections by a landslide. Political observers feel that Peronists would emerge triumphant from any elections and believe the military will not step down until a nationalistic and conservative party capable of beating them at the polls has been built up. — (R)

CLASH IN WASHINGTON

In recent times, Washington has been witnessing the development of a certain tradition: that of a clash on the political and even personal level between the secretariat of state and the chair of the National Security Council. The cause is obvious. The NSC's brief is such that it cannot but overlap with that of the State Department.

The outcome of such clashes has also been taking the predictability of a tradition. The chairman of the NSC has always emerged victorious, with the secretary of state either accenting a secondary role, or resigning. Thus Kissinger had his say over that of Rogers in the Nixon administration, and Brzezinski over Vance during that of Carter.

It was not surprising that the Reagan administration should see a repetition of the struggle. Vice President George Bush and MSC Chairman Walter Allan stand on one side, and State Department Secretary Haig on the other, over who is to control the country's foreign policy.

While the president appears to have already declared himself for the vice president and the chairman, Secretary of State Haig is expected to put up a stiffer resistance than his predecessors. Indeed, as his icy remarks on the matter show, he has already started.

That the ritual struggle started so early in the life of this administration reflects perhaps the incumbent's awareness of his lack of expertise when it comes to foreign affairs, and his consequent inability to hold the middle ground between the two sides for any length of time.

In any case, the international community cannot but await the outcome so that it knows which brand of "Reaganism" it is to expect from Washington.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Thursday dealt with various issues ranging from the rising importance of the Kingdom in world affairs to the ongoing Iraqi Iranian war and the deteriorated security situation in Lebanon. They also dealt with U.S. threats to use force and to establish permanent military bases, the recent visit of the British Defense Minister John Nott also was reported.

Al-Jedrah discussed the increasing importance of Riyadh as an Arab and Islamic capital of great significance, and said that others no longer look to it as just another capital to visit for ordinary talks. They have come to realize that Riyadh is the foremost Arab and Islamic capital which can contribute positively to the genuine efforts to find a just and peaceful solution to the Palestinian question.

This is because the Kingdom enjoys not only the confidence and trust of the governments and people of the Arab and Islamic worlds, but also remains the guiding spirit and the center of attraction.

Al Medina dealt with the visit of the British Defense Minister John Nott and said it was an opportunity to discuss matters of mutual interest and the need to make use of British expertise in the construction of installations and the provision of services. It said the government made clear that the Gulf is not a disputed territory between the two superpowers. The

peace and security of the region depended on the people themselves and their ability to defend their countries with the help of their friends who should give them the wherewithal to do so alone without foreign intervention. "Our views are identical with those of other Gulf states," the paper said. "All the states should be working to eliminate Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, otherwise it would form a precedent for other imperialist invasions."

Okaz dealt with the Iraqi-Iranian war and the possibility of another round by the Islamic peace mission, which is trying to settle the dispute. It called for full cooperation with the mission and said that it was formed not to condemn anybody but to make peace in the name of all the Islamic states which met at the recent summit in Taif and which represent all the Muslims of the world. "The mission realizes that the losers in this conflict are Iraq and Iran and the biggest loser is Islamic awakening," the paper said.

Al Bilad said the security situation in Lebanon is getting worse, which posed serious hazards not only to that country but to the region as a whole. It deplored the slow reaction to the tragedy by the world at large. It also blamed the armed militias and the conflicting political trends in the country for the existing fiasco. It singled out the renegade commander Maj. Saad Haddad who is collaborating with the

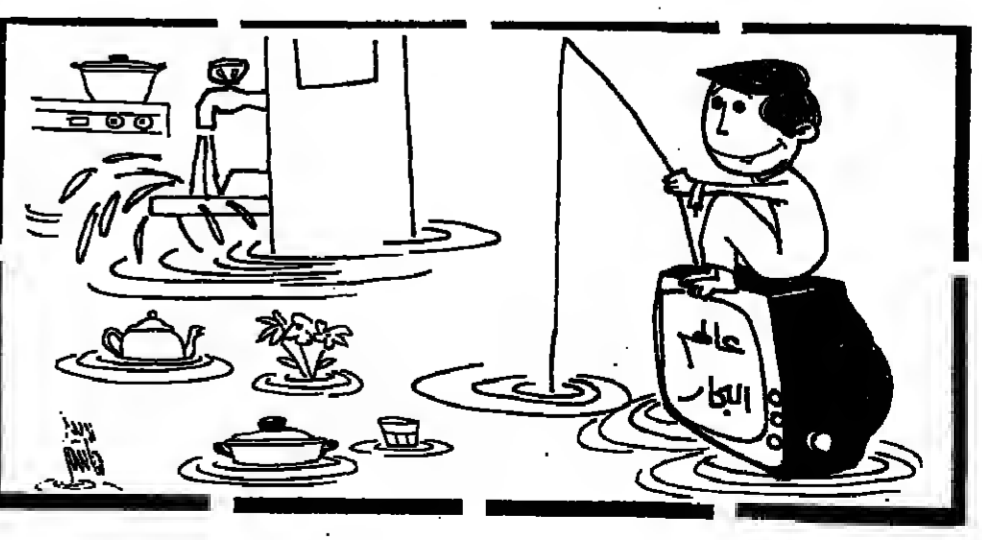
Israelis in the South in order to depopulate the area and prevent the Lebanese government from extending its control over the whole country.

The new American policy and the inclination to use force or to threaten to use force was the subject of the *Al Riyadh* editorial which wondered if by the new American administration had nothing left by way of diplomacy which forced it to talk of naked power and the search for military bases and facilities.

"American threats this time appear quite serious," it said. "The government has passed its foreign policy over to a military man and asked him to blend his militarism with diplomacy."

This leads us to believe that the new White House will strengthen its friendship with the military dictatorships of the world — beginning with Latin America where Reagan and Haig have already begun their contacts to help them and contain them before they fall prey to Moscow which is equally keen to win them over.

But the paper did not believe that the U.S. will be able to apply this new policy to all its friends and allies and cannot be with one friend against another ally at the same time. It has to be with both or with none, they may force it to carry out certain wishes and policies which may not be always to its liking.



Arabic calligraphy: "كلنا في البحر" (We are all in the sea)

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Comic strip panels with dialogue: 'HA! HA! LOOK AT SARGE TRYING TO GET HIS BIG HAMMY FINGERS THROUGH THAT PULL RING... HE'LL NEVER GET THAT OPEN'.

Comic strip panels with dialogue: 'I'LL TIE HIS SHOELACES TOGETHER AND TEACH HIM A LESSON! FIRE! HELP! HELP! NEXT TIME I'LL GREASE THE FLOOR AROUND HIS DESK!'.

Comic strip panels with dialogue: 'THE CUTE CHICK INVITED ME TO HER CAVE TONIGHT FOR DINNER... ME TOO... TONIGHT? YOU SURE? YEP... EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT... THOR HERE WOULD LIKE ONE OF YOUR GIANT 20,000-PIECE PUZZLES.'

Comic strip panels with dialogue: 'TCH! SHE'LL BE FURIOUS... MEBBE I SHOULD AVE BROUGHT A LITTLE PRESENT BACK WIT ME TO PACIFY ER... NO, NO, NO NEED REALLY - THE SOUND OF ER OWN VOICE GIVES ER MORE JOY THAN ANYTHIN I COULD EVER THINK OF'.

Comic strip panels with dialogue: 'DO YOU THINK IT'S TOO LATE TO BE DROPPING IN ON THE MAGNUSSENSONS? NAW... THEY STILL HAVE A LIGHT ON'.

Comic strip panels with dialogue: 'DO YOU IDENTIFY WITH ANY LOST CAUSES HERE, MENSCH? JUST SANITY -'.

Comic strip panels with dialogue: 'DOESN'T THIS BUSINESS GET TO YOU AFTER A WHILE? THERE ARE DEPRESSING DAYS... I WOULD THINK SO... BUT THEN SOMEONE DIES AND I SNAP OUT OF IT'.

Comic strip panels with dialogue: 'IN SINGLES YOU CAN RETURN SERVE CROSSCOURT OR DOWN THE LINE THE BETTER YOUR WEAKER YOUR OPPONENT'S SERVE... GREATER YOUR FREEDOM OF CHOICE... THAT FREEDOM DOESN'T EXIST IN DOUBLES BECAUSE OF THE CROSSING NET... MOST OF YOUR RETURNS EVEN AGAINST A RELATIVELY WEAK SERVER MUST GO CROSSCOURT... BUT MAINTAIN BY DRIVING OR LOBBING OUT OF EVERY 10 RETURNS DOWN THE LINE.'

DENNIS the MENACE



'ONCE IN AWHILE WE GET TIRED OF THINKIN' UP NEW FACES, JOEY... WE THINK OF TWINS!'

Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker Test Your Dummy Play

1. Most players think that declarer should practically always score the maximum number of tricks possible... 2. You are South, diamonds are trumps, and East leads the jack of hearts... Answer to No. 1. Ruff the heart with the four and overruff it in dummy with the five.

Believe It or Not!

Advertisement for Jose Gervasio Artigas (1764-1850) featuring a portrait and text: 'FAMOUS HERO OF URUGUAY WAS AT ONE PERIOD OF HIS LIFE A SMUGGLER'.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1981. What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Undoubtedly, you'd like to get away from it all. It's a good time to make travel plans. IDEALS mark your approach to education. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A friend has an intriguing investment proposition. Consult with close ties before making a decision. Others are cooperative. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Relationships inspire you now to better things. A close tie changes your perspective towards the realization of your potentials. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Work is inspired now. Trust hunches and act in accordance with your beliefs. A new assignment stimulates you. Children are helpful. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Look for new ways to have fun with loved ones. Plan a special entertainment. Surprise a loved one. Enjoy creative pursuits. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You and a close tie will enjoy home-based activities.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 1 "Time, Next Year" 5 Novelist, Gunter - 10 Mild oath 11 Thial slice 13 Radial or snow 14 "The - Strikes Back" 15 Asian river 16 Plethora 17 Inlet (Sp.) 18 British naval hero 20 Mollusk 21 Frank Merrivell's school 22 Network 23 Spree 25 Treated with ultraviolet light 26 The Aeneid's first word 27 Outdo 28 Doctorow's "Lake" 29 Jewish ascetic 32 Dancer Miller 33 Quiet! 34 Peppard in "The Blue -" 35 Bombardier's concern 37 Cathedral part

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-37.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it: AXDYLBAAKR LONGFELLOW

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With rockets Salvadoran leftists attack U.S. mission

SAN SALVADOR, March 26 (AP) — Two groups of six men each sprayed the U.S. Embassy with gunfire Wednesday to provide cover for another group of men who fired a rocket-propelled grenade into a vacant fourth-story of the mission, the embassy said.

There were no injuries but the grenade caused substantial damage to the office, the statement said. It said the groups of men fired on the southeast and southwest corners of the embassy while the group with the grenade launcher fired from a parking lot at the west face of the building.

Salvadoran army guards who patrol the embassy grounds fired at the men as they left in two vehicles, the statement said, adding one of the men hurled a grenade that destroyed a car parked outside the embassy.

Embassy officials said the gunfire outside the building was a "diversionary tactic" to provide cover for the group that fired on the embassy with the rocket-grenade. An embassy spokesman said a piece of the grenade that hit the embassy had been recovered from the damaged fourth-floor office and it will be studied.

This was the fourth attack on the embassy here in approximately three weeks and the second time the mission has been hit with a

RPG-2-type rocket-propelled grenade. The RPG-2 is of Chinese manufacture.

On Tuesday unidentified attackers blew a hole in a wall outside the Nicaraguan Embassy but no injuries were reported there either.

The leftist guerrilla group Popular Liberation Forces later claimed responsibility for the attack in telephone calls to local radio stations. The FPL is one of several leftist guerrilla groups fighting to topple the U.S.-backed civilian-military junta.

An embassy statement said the grenade smashed through a window, exploded in the vacant fourth-floor office and sent fragments through a door. The office of charge of affairs Frank Chapin, highest ranking U.S. diplomat in El Salvador, is on the fourth floor but the embassy will not disclose its location for security reasons. It was not immediately clear if Chapin was in the embassy.

In other developments, forces of the U.S.-backed Salvadoran junta battled leftist guerrillas in the northeastern region of Morazan, a government spokesman said Wednesday. Morazan, a guerrilla stronghold about 100 miles from the capital, has been the scene of some of the heavier fighting recently in the struggle for power here.



IN SEARCH OF LEFTISTS: Salvadoran soldiers patrol an area near San Salvador Wednesday, looking for leftist guerrillas who have been battling with government troops. The trooper looking back toward the camera is carrying an anti-personnel mine.

Missiles hit cities again, Iran says

BEIRUT, March 26 (AP) — Iran has said Soviet-made Iraqi bombers and surface-to-surface missiles blasted Iranian cities in retaliation for the offensive that brought Iranian troops onto Iraqi border in two major war zones.

Tehran communique Wednesday said Iraqi long-range artillery pounded residential areas in Iran's besieged oil refining city of Abadan, prompting the governor to order pharmacies and drugstores reopened because of a "pressing need for medicine and powdered milk."

Tehran Radio said four Soviet-made Frog-7 missiles, crashed overnight into Ahwaz, and rescue teams dug out eight bodies of civilians from the rubble of their devastated homes.

It was the seventh missile assault on Ahwaz in two weeks and the second straight day of persistent shelling of Abadan, the city that accounted for 60 per cent of Iran's pre-war fuel production. Much of the half million population of Ahwaz and most of Abadan's 400,000 inhabitants have already fled their homes to safer areas in central and eastern Iran.

Iraq made no comment on Iran's claims, confining itself to routine reporting of the war's progress in a once-a-day military communique at the end of the day's fighting.

With 151 seats Chun controls assembly

SEOUL, March 26 (Agencies) — The government party led by President Chun Doo-hwan gained its expected, solid control of South Korea's new National Assembly, official election returns showed Thursday.

Election committee officials announced that the Democratic Justice Party won 90 assembly seats in the popular voting Wednesday. As the first place party, the government's political organization gained 61 additional seats under a proportional representation system for a total of 151 in the 276-member assembly.



S. Korean President Chun Doo-hwan

Nyerere in Pyongyang

TOKYO, March 26 (AP) — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere arrived in Pyongyang Thursday by special plane for a state visit to North Korea at the invitation of President Kim Il Sung, the North Korean News Agency (KCNA) said. Nyerere was warmly met by President Kim and a large crowd of citizens, said KCNA in a broadcast monitored here.

Rodong Sinmun, organ of the North Korean Workers' Party, said in an editorial "The visit of President Julius K. Nyerere to our country will go a long way toward the development of the friendly and cooperative relations between our people and the peoples of the country's of the new-emerging forces including the African peoples and toward the unity and solidarity of the nonaligned movement."

Nyerere earlier left Peking after a five-day visit to China.

Churchill loved queen, book says

LONDON, March 26 (AP) — An old man, Sir Winston Churchill fell in love, at a respectful distance, with newly crowned Queen Elizabeth II, according to a book by one of his aides. The claim is made by Sir John Colville, wartime assistant private secretary to Churchill, in his book *The Churchills* published Thursday.

In a chapter on Churchill's relations with "the Ladies," Sir John writes: "There was one lady by whom, from 1952 onwards, Churchill was dazzled. That was the new queen."

He first met Princess Elizabeth at Balmoral, the royal residence in Scotland, when she was aged two at the time Churchill wrote: "She has an air of authority and reflectiveness: astonishing in a infant."

Sir John continues: "In 1952, however, at the age of 77, he found himself prime minister to a young woman of 29." Elizabeth had succeeded to the throne on the death of her father, King George VI, on Feb. 6, 1952. It was soon noticeable that Churchill's weekly audiences with the monarch lasted unusually long, Colville notes.

"A photograph of the queen, smiling radiantly on her way to open her first Parliament, was framed and hung on the wall above his bed at Chartwell," Churchill's rural home. "He was an old man whose passions are spent, but there is no doubt that, at a respectful distance, he fell in love with the new queen."

Colville, 66, joint principal private secretary to Churchill during his last term as prime minister (1951-55), said after 1952 Churchill nearly always referred to women appreciatively.

Union demand conceded Polish official resigns

WARSAW, March 26 (Agencies) — An official whose resignation was sought by the Solidarity union after three of its members were beaten up in Bydgoszcz last week resigned Thursday, and union sources said an army general was nominated to succeed him.

Edward Berger, who had offered to resign earlier this week, was among the government officials meeting with independent unionists last Thursday before the beatings. A spokesman for the independent union observing the meeting said Gen. Franciszek Kaminski, commander of the army's Bydgoszcz garrison was proposed as Berger's replacement as chairman of the provincial.

Union spokesmen said that they still want the resignations of other officials at the meeting, including the deputy premier, Stanislaw Mach, the deputy governor of Bydgoszcz as well as its police chief and public prosecutor. The resignations are among the demands handed to the government in Warsaw Wednesday during brief talks aimed at halting threatened nationwide strikes Friday and Tuesday.



WASHINGTON CONNECTION: Polish Ambassador Ronald Spasowski leaves the State Department in Washington Monday after meeting with officials about the situation in Poland.

The talks between Mieczyslaw Rakowski, a deputy premier in charge of trade union relations, and Solidarity leader Lech Walesa are expected to resume. Rakowski issued a statement late Wednesday charging the union with trying to wage a "holy war" against the authorities and counterposing the Communist Party against the government.

The central committee of Poland's ruling Communist Party will meet Sunday, the official news agency PAP said Wednesday. PAP said the decision-making committee would meet "to discuss current party tasks in the face of the situation in the country."

Almost all party plenums held since the political and labor upheaval last summer have resulted in changes at the top, and with the ruling party still deeply divided further shake-ups cannot be excluded.

Dollar remains firm
LONDON, March 26 (AP) — Uncertainty over the future in Poland led to caution on world foreign exchanges Thursday and kept the dollar firm in thin trading, dealers said. Gold prices rose slightly.

"There's essentially no trend," said one European dealer. "Under the current circumstances, it wouldn't be smart to go short on dollars." A deeper crisis in Poland, dealers say, would strengthen the dollar against currencies such as the West German mark. The British pound was worth \$2.2598 (\$2.2613) close at \$535.99. In New York Wednesday gold finished at \$530. Silver was quoted in London at \$12.95 an ounce, up from \$12.75.

London's five bullion houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$534 a troy ounce, up from \$530.25 late Wednesday. In Zurich, gold traded for \$533.50, up from \$530.50. In Hong Kong, gold rose \$2.39 to close at \$535.99. In New York Wednesday gold finished at \$530. Silver was quoted in London at \$12.95 an ounce, up from \$12.75.

Naguib reported critically ill

CAIRO, March 26 (AP) — Egypt's first president, Gen. Muhammad Naguib, has been taken to hospital in critical condition, the authoritative Cairo daily *Al-Ahram* reported Thursday. The paper said the 80-year-old Naguib was in Maadi military hospital in a suburb south of Cairo, where President Anwar Sadat has asked doctors to give him the best possible care.

Naguib and the late President Gamal Abdel-Nasser belonged to an Egyptian army clique that overthrew the late King Farouk in 1952. Naguib became the nation's first president, a frontman for the revolution and Nasser the leader of the military junta behind him.

But in 1954 Naguib had begun to develop mass support and a taste for power, and Nasser and the Revolutionary Command Council overthrew him and placed him under house arrest for some years, followed by a period of restricted movement.

A free man some 17 years later, Naguib published his memoirs in 1974. His last appearance in public was at the state funeral for Egypt's Defense Minister Ahmed Badawi who was killed in a helicopter crash March 2.

China gets vitamin aid

PEKING, March 26 (R) — A consignment of 17 million vitamin tablets arrived in Peking by air Thursday as part of an international relief effort for two disaster-hit Chinese provinces, diplomatic sources said. China made its first request to the international community for aid to help an estimated 40 million people affected by drought in the northern province of Hebei and by flooding in the central province of Hubei.

A United Nations team which visited the stricken areas in January estimated that 700 million of aid was needed, according to diplomatic sources. The vitamin tablets, sent by the United Nations Children's Fund, were the first consignment of aid to reach here, the sources said.

America, European allies still differ on defense issues

WASHINGTON, March 26 (R) — The United States and three of its main allies remain far apart on some major defense issues following high-level Pentagon talks this week, American officials say. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger met the Dutch and West German defense ministers and Japan's foreign minister for discussions ranging from nuclear arms to pacifist sentiment in western Europe.

Despite efforts by both sides to sound positive, officials said they were still far apart on such major issues as military spending and arms control talks. These included the long-standing debate over who is or is not carrying a fair share of the allied military spending burden. This dispute is still alive if no longer fought as publicly or as bitterly as during the Carter administration.

The U.S. officials said there were differences between the United States and the two European allies over whether priority should go to resuming arms talks with Moscow or building NATO military forces. A Pentagon official said a firm commitment to upgrade medium range nuclear weapons deployed in Europe by NATO must precede these talks so the United States can negotiate from strength.

Dutch Defense Minister Pieter de Geus told reporters after his meeting with Weinberger that The Hague was delaying a decision on deploying new nuclear arms in hopes Moscow and Washington would agree on mutual reductions first. He said the Dutch unalterably opposed neutron weapons, which Weinberger favors, and they want assurances Washington will not raise this question later before they agree to deploy their share of NATO's new Cruise missiles.

He also called for a shift in emphasis from battlefield nuclear weapons to longer-range deterrent ones. A Pentagon official described

this position as "irrelevant if the Netherlands is already overrun" by Soviet tanks before the West can respond. Differences with West German Defense Minister Hans Apel were less obvious, in part because of Washington's effort to smoothen over the flap caused last week by a Reagan adviser who criticized Bonn's pressure for negotiating with the Russians.

But the West Germans may have been surprised at what the Pentagon said was its discovery that Bonn planned to increase rather than cut defense spending this year. This is a

position the Germans have stated publicly all along.

In a related development, Portuguese Foreign Minister Andre Concalves Pereira met with Secretary of State Alexander Haig Wednesday for talks focusing on East-West issues and Portugal's importance in the NATO alliance.

Meanwhile, Moscow's sharpest attack yet on the Reagan government is seen by Western analysts as a sign of Kremlin frustration over what it regards as U.S. attempts to expand influence in West Europe.



WELL IMITATED: This black gibbon of a Munich zoo imitates humans in having a drink. While balancing out on his bamboo perch, the gibbon angles for water with a little cup (left), then lifts the cup with both arms onto the bamboo perch (center) and finally is able to enjoy the drink.

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